GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Institution of A.P. Lokayukta Complaint No.2136/2013/B2 filed against Smt. S.Nagamani, formerly Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District (Retd) - Disciplinary action initiated - Article of charges issued - Inquiry officer appointed - Inquiry officer report submitted - to impose a penalty of "withholding of 10% of monthly pension permanently" - orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.985

Dated:26.10.2023

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.1066, Rev (Vig.III.2) Dept dated 30.10.2015
2. G.O.Rt.No.261, Rev (Vig.III.2) Dept, Dt. 11.03.2016
3. From District Collector, Chittoor, Rc.No.626/2013, dt. 25.03.2017
4. Govt.Memo.No.15517/Vig.III(2)/2014, Dt:11.07.2017.
5. From the Collector & District Magistrare, Chittoor, Lr.Roc.A2/6226/ 2013, Dt:29.06.2022.
6. Govt.Memo.No. 15517/VIG.III(2)/2014 , Dt:26/09/2022.
7. Explanation dt:20.10.2022 of S.Nagamani, formerly Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District.
8. Govt.Letter.No. 15517/VIG.III(2)/2014, Dated:02/12/2022
9. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.GAD03-APPSC0DCC/5/2023-DC.SEC-APPSC (Comp.No.1960518), Dt:30.01.2023.
10. Govt. Memo.No. 15517/VIG.III(2)/2014, Dated:23/02/2023
11. Explanation dt:24.04.2023 of Smt.S.Nagamani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District (Retd)

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, disciplinary action has been instituted against Smt.S.Nagamani, Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal (Now Retd) on the allegation that (i) being a responsible Tahsildar, she had wrongfully alienated the land in Sy.No. 415 extent 1.05 acres of Gannavaram Village and Mandal and also failed to follow the procedure in granting Pattadar Pass Book/Title Deed to the following respondents without conducting due enquiry as per the provisions of Inam Abolition Act and (ii) she has violated the procedure in the grant of PPB/TD without conducting due enquiry and examining the following points as per the Provisions of Inam Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari Act, 1956. The Charged Officer has submitted her explanation denying the Charges.

2. And whereas, as the explanation of the Charged Officer is not convincing, Govt have appointed DRO, Chittoor as Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Smt.S.Nagamani, Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal (Now Retd) in the reference 2nd read above. In the reference 3rd cited, the District Collector, Chittoor has submitted the Enquiry officer report wherein the inquiry officer has submitted that the Charge - I is held proved and Charge - II is not held proved.

3. After careful examination of the findings of the Inquiry Officer, Govt have accepted the same and a copy of the Inquiry report has been communicated to the Charged Officer under rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to her further explanation if any in this matter, vide reference 4th read above. In reply, in the reference 5th read above, the District Collector, Chittoor has submitted theexplanation of the CO, wherein Smt.S.Nagamani, Tahsildar (Retd) has stated that the copy of the Inquiry report has been served on her on 12.05.2022. Since the enquiry report concluded that the charge framed against her is not proved, she has requested that the charge levelled against her may be dropped.

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4. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of 10% of monthly pension for a period of five years" against Smt.S.Nagamani, Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal, Chittoor District (Retd), under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to the Charged Officers to show cause as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed against her. In reply, in the reference 7th read above, S.Nagamani, Tahsildar (Retd) has submitted his explanation dt:20.10.2022, reiterating her earlier contentions and also informed that she is suffering with severe kidney problem and taking regular treatment and major portion of monthly pension is spent to her medical treatment. If her monthly pension curtailed 10%, she has to face much hardship financially in such 68 years of age which causes anxious and would be jeopardised. Therefore, she has requested to takr her explanation into consideration and to drop further action against her.

5. After examining the explanation of the Charged Officer, it was provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "10% cut in monthly pension for 5 years" against Smt.S.Nagamani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal (Now Retd). Accordingly, vide the letter Dt:02.12.2022 necessary proposals has been sent to APPSC for their concurrence to the above proposed punishment.

6. In the reference 9th read above, the Secretary, APPSC has informed that after careful examination of the matter in the light of records made available, the commission opined that the quantum of punishment does not match the grave misconduct or negligence of duties exhibited by her and also reflects on the moral turpitude of Charged Officer and therefore advised to enhance to "10% permanently" and advised accordingly.

7. After considering the advice of the A.P.P.S.C and obtaining the orders of the competent authority, it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of 10% of monthly pension permanently" against Smt.S.Nagamani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal (Retd). Accordingly, in reference 10th read above, a revised show Cause notice has been issued to her as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed against her. In reply, Smt.S.Nagamani, Tahsildar (Retd) has submitted explanation reiterating her earlier contentions and her severe illhealth condition has requested to drop further action against her dispassionately and sympathetically.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided and hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of 10% of monthly pension permanently" against Smt. S.Nagamani, formerly Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District (Retd), in terms of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 in this matter.

9. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri/ the Collector & District Magistrate, Chittoor shall take necessary further action in this matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SAI PRASAD

SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To

Smt.S.Nagamani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram Mandal (Now Retd) *through* Collector & District Magistrate, Chittoor.

Copy to:

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P, Mangalagiri.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Chittoor.
The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Vijayawada,
The Accountant General, Vijayawada,
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER